Adjournment Motion.

Regarding Plague in Mattancheri.

President.—Notice of an adjournment motion has been received from Mr. K. Ayyappan, Member for Ezhuvas. I will just read the motion.

I hereby give notice under rule 18 that I intend moving for the adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the necessity of taking ampler measures to prevent the plague in Mattancheri.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am sorry that the Government have to oppose this motion because they have been doing and are doing all that is necessary to prevent the spread of the discease and to check it at its very outset. That being the case I do not think this to be a fit case to be brought before this House in the form of an adjournment motion. I would be glad to discuss all the measures that have been taken by the Government to check the spreadof the epidemic if it is brought in any form other than this. I will be ready to answer any question that may be put. My objection is to the form, namely an adjournment motion on a subject on which the Government have bestowed very great attention andhave acted with all possible expediency.

President.—I wish to know whether Mr. Ayyappan wants to make a statement.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—സർ, ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനെ ആക്ഷേപിക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയല്ല ഞാൻ ഈ അടിയന്തിരപ്രമേയം കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നത്. ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തിയുടെ ന്യൂനതകൊണ്ടോ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഈ കാര്യത്തിലുള്ള ബോധക്കുറവുകൊണ്ടോ ഗവർമ്മെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്ന വേല ശരിക്കു ഫലിക്കാതെവരുന്നു. പ്ലേഗ് ഇല്ലെന്നതന്നെയാണ് ഭൂരിപക്ഷം ജനങ്ങളുടേയും വിശ്വാസം. ഗവർമ്മെൻറു ഗസറ്റിൽ പ്രഖ്യാപനം ചെയ്തതിനു ശേഷവും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമുള്ള ആളുകൾക്കുടി പ്ലേഗ് ഇല്ലെന്നു വർത്തമാനം പറഞ്ഞു പരത്തുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇതു ഈ രാജ്യത്തിനു വളരെ അപകടകരമായ ഒരു നിലയാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഒരു വാദപ്രതിവാദം പറഞ്ഞു ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനെ സഹായിക്കണമെന്ന ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ് ഞാൻ ഇതു കൊണ്ടുവന്നിരിക്കുന്നത്.

ഗവർമ്മെൻറു പ്ലേഗ് പ്രഖ്യാപനംചെയ്തതു് അതിലേയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടിയുള്ള അന്വേഷണങ്ങൾ എല്ലാം ശരിക്കു നടത്തിയതിന്റെ ശേഷമാണെന്നു പൊതുജനങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാക്കണം. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവർ വിശ്വസിക്കയില്ല. പ്ലേഗിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള ശാസ്ത്രീയമായ വിവരങ്ങളും ജനങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാക്കണം. അതിന്നെല്ലാം ഈ അടിയന്തിര പ്രമേയം സഹായിക്കും. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനു ഒരു ദോഷവും വരാനില്ല. Motion കൊണ്ടു് ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന് ഒരു ദോഷവും വരുവാനില്ല.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—An adjournment motion always means some sort of stigma on the Government.

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It need not necessarily be so.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— An adjournment motion means that. The Hon'ble Member can bring it in the form of a cut motion when we will be moving half a dozen demands.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I hope I will be permitted to move this cut motion at short notice.

President.—This cannot be brought forward in the form of a cut motion since there are no demands pertaining to this. Therefore I will ask whether the Hon'ble Member has the leave of the House.

(Leave granted.)

President.—We shall take it at 3-30 p. m. to day.

Condolence Motion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Mr. President, Sir, I rise to move with feelings of the most profound sorrow the motion which runs thus:—

"*This Council desires to express its deep sorrow at the loss sustained by the demise of Dr. A. Govinda Menon who was a Member of this House from its inauguration and its first elected Deputy President.*"

Both as a Member of this House from its very beginning and as its first elected Deputy President, the late Dr.A.G.Menon was a most outstanding figure in this House. Born of an ancient and aristocratic family, he was in the right sense of the term, Sir, an aristocrat to his finger-tips, incapable of anything small, incapable of anything mean. He was, if I may say so, Sir, cast in a large mould, generous, frank and outspoken, even to the fault.

As a doctor he will be remembered for long for his professional skill, which was great and for what is even greater, his sense of professional morality which, I have heard it said, was of the very highest order.

As a Member and as the Deputy President of this House, he has set us an example of devotion to duty, loyalty to traditions and fearless advocacy of just causes and liberties, which it is hard for any one to equal and well-nigh impossible to excel. He has always maintained the cherished privileges of the members of this House and as Deputy President he displayed a fair mindedness and detachment, which is well worth emulation by others.

As a man, Sir, he was distinguished for his beauty of behaviour, which I maintain is the hall-mark of a gentleman, easy affability, simplicity of life and I may add sublimity of purpose. He inspired all those who came in contact with him with deep reverence and although he belonged to a generation which is passing away, he possessed, as I have often found, ideas and ideals of the most progressive character.

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